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1. The Markers stayed with us Saturday and Sunday nights June 27 and 28. Most pleasant occasion. Marker and I sat up until after midnight Saturday night drinking nightcap after our wives had gone to bed. On Sunday we all made a day-long auto trip to Gruyere, Montreux and Gstaad. On Sunday evening Whitney Dexter joined us for dinner.

2. Nothing very startling from Marker's conversation. He gave no indications of desiring to leave the organization, although it was plain that he considers EDC a cooked goose and that this means further delays in the final settlement of Zipper's fate. His hope is that the treaty may now be released from dependence upon the ratification of EDC, which would create the prerequisite for the removal of the organization to the Government. He made one statement in this respect which should be worth noting. This was a reference to the responsibility the senior Zipper officers bear for the destiny and welfare of several thousands of people. Utility, he said, in moments of jubilation and frustration, has a habit of talking about dissolving the whole show. This is nonsense, and he (Marker) has told him so. As men brought up in a tradition of acceptance of responsibility, they cannot lightly dismiss the interests of their numerous and devoted subordinates, nor can they dismiss the contribution to the general welfare of the Western World which those subordinates are in a position to make, and are making.

3. He confirmed your report on the troubles with the Arnt Blank. The charges against the organization are (1) that it is too closely identified with the Americans; (2) that it is too active politically; and (3) that it is too large and expensive.

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in order to guard against any possible aggravation of (C), above. Marker has directed Section IV to desist from all political contacts until after the election. He seems quite bitter about the role played by Horn. When I asked why the latter had not been able to use his influence with Blank to avert suspicions and counter intrigues, he replied that Horn was simply scared. The Blank office has become very security conscious vis-a-vis Finger, and it does an applicant or prospect no good to be known as being or having been connected with it. A recent example of this occurred in connection with General Kuntzen, when he was being considered for a Blank appointment. He was tipped off to keep quiet about his Zipper connections. Horn, according to Marker, is very conscious of his vulnerability on this point, and rather wishes that his past didn't exist. In this connection, Marker remarked that Zipper is well aware that Capote continues to enjoy American support and that he has the use of American Army planes for courier service to Berlin. He considers Kielmannsegg to be the key anti-Zipperite in the Blank complex. In all of this sorry story, Marker's bitterness obviously extends to Utility. He believes that the problem could have been solved easily and long ago by a little discretion and willingness to compromise, that Capote could have been had at a low price and Blank mollified by any top Zipperite with a persuasive manner and a moderate capacity for drink. But, as he puts it, Utility doesn't drink at all, and Horn is not good for more than a drink and a half. Marker volunteered to do the job, but his offer was not accepted. He thinks the job could still be done. It is his opinion that Blank was favorably impressed by his visit to Pullach and that the results were not properly exploited. His solution would be to have a Zipper man put in above Cameron in the Blank office. Obviously this cannot be done without Blank's cooperation, and neither Utility nor Horn appears willing to go out of his way to secure it, least of all by exposing himself to the requisite whiskey. The only credit Marker gives Utility in this respect is his handling of Globke, and here he even has a word for his old nemesis Lersner. The latter, however, continues to be persona non grata with 35. At a staff meeting with Utility the other day, Ali Schumann complained that 35 was not getting the benefit of Utility's Bonn contacts. Utility's reply was that it was their own fault because they had excluded Lersner. To which Schumann is said to have replied: "Then we'll continue not to get it." Another example of Zipper's trouble with the Blank office was offered by Ludwig, who recently complained to his Zipper contact about his confusion about whom he should deal with. He was told: "Make your political connections with Bonn and your intelligence connections with us."

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4. The situation on the Verfassungsschutz front appears to be rather better. Merker is of the opinion that the fortunes of the Federal office rest with the Gaendery, and Zipper has accordingly directed its energies towards cultivating the lower levels, apparently with some success. He mentioned Riedmayer, of course, and also Wagner (Worgitzki?), as having been particularly successful. Hesse causes the most trouble, and this is qualified to some extent by Utility's good connection to President Zinn. Both Utility and Merker consider the latter a coming man in the SPD. The Wagner mentioned above, by the way, appears to be Zipper's principal watchdog on Der Spiegel. Another watchdog, Hoppe, in Radio NRW has turned a little sour. He went to the States on some sort of an exchange deal and came back a convinced McCarthyite. It is worthy of note in this respect that sympathy for McCarthy among Germans is attributed to a feeling that in going out after commies or leftwingers in Hicog McCarthy's going to get what remains of the "Morgenthau Leute." As you know, the "Morgenthau Linie" has always been associated by Germans with "leftism", if not with Communism.

5. The order to be low on the political front does not apply to contacts with the former Officers Corps. Here Zipper appears to be doing as well as ever. In this connection Merker told me an amusing and characteristic story. He sent Jakobi to observe the doings at the annual frolic of the Kyffhäuser Bund. Jakobi was promptly approached by one of the leading spirits, an "Oberstleutnant so-and-so," who spoke in effect as follows: "I've noted that you fellows seem to have a man in a key position in all of the veteran's groups. In case you want one with us, I hereby volunteer for the job!" Merker indicated that the offer was accepted.

6. "Lie low" instructions have been reiterated to the Zipper men with the Syrian and Egyptian missions. Their man with the Egyptian Mission is Jim Zollich (phonetic, possibly Zollig), an old lc officer, who occupies the lc position with the Egyptian Mission. This is an important identification, if you don't already have it. He has been ordered to be particularly quiet. Merker's conversation on this subject indicated that Zipper has several other contacts on the mission, probably reporting to Zollich. He may be the only one actually on a Zipper payroll. The Syrian Messerer, by the way, is returning to Munich. He will live in the apartment presently occupied by Dr. Oheimb, who had it on sub-lease.

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7. Speaking of Dr. Oheimb, he has had a few close scrapes recently. You know of his connections to Naumann. He came out of that all right on the ground that he represented a legitimate Zipper "Kontrolle" of the Naumann group. But then he got caught a little in the swinging doors between Naumann and the FDP. It began one day when he was waiting to see Naumann. Who should emerge from Naumann's office but Middelhaue! Some days later he was visiting Dehler. The latter expressed interest in Naumann and asked Oheimb whether he didn't think that it might be well to establish an FDP contact. Oheimb told him to put his mind at ease on the subject, that Middelhaue had already established it. Dehler was not pleased, and there must have been quite a little teapot tempest. Both Middelhaue and Naumann denied ever having laid eyes on each other, etc. Another of Oheimb's contacts, Stauffenberg, has turned dormant. Stauffenberg had established contact with General Steiner, possibly hoping that Steiner might be more successful than Oheimb had been in leading him to some U.S. dough. Marker himself laid down one law to Stauffenberg: Play with Steiner and we wash our hands of you!

8. Marker's few remarks on Naval operations may be of interest. He hasn't much enthusiasm for them, largely, I think, because of what he feels to be the complexities of our naval liaison. He thinks the British are running successful naval operations. Incidentally, he reports that the British take an ultimately dim view of the arming of Seeschutz boats. And while on the subject of the British, the new liaison appears to be satisfactory, at least to the British. Geradgriff may not be telling them much about Zipper, but he is taking S in tow and introducing him to the right people in the Bonn-Cologne area.

9. There remains to pass on a word about the polygraph affair, about which I know no more than what Grace told me very briefly. I need not tell you that the Zipper view is that this was a most painful business, a farce. The villain of the piece in their eyes was ☐ who, they feel, tried to put one over in the testing of Schaeffer (?). Generally, they feel that the polygraph testing was used as a means of getting some inside info on Zipper and Zipperites not otherwise available to us, and that this was very dirty pool.

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